

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a method for producing a protein, a glycosyltransferase, comprising the steps of introducing into a host cell a recombinant vector comprising a fusion gene containing a gene encoding a protein constituting a virus particle and a gene encoding the desired protein, the glycosyltransferase, and expressing said fusion gene in the host cell to produce the fusion protein and recovering said virus particle fused to said desired protein; and

Group II, claims 9-15, drawn to a method of producing a protein comprising the steps of transforming a host cell producing virus particles with a recombinant vector expressing a fusion gene comprising a gene encoding a protein having an odd number of membrane-spanning segments and a gene encoding the desired protein, expressing said fusion gene in the host cell and isolating the fusion protein and the desired protein.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, directed to claims 1-8. This is an election without traverse.

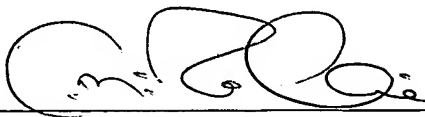
Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No. 42,874 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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